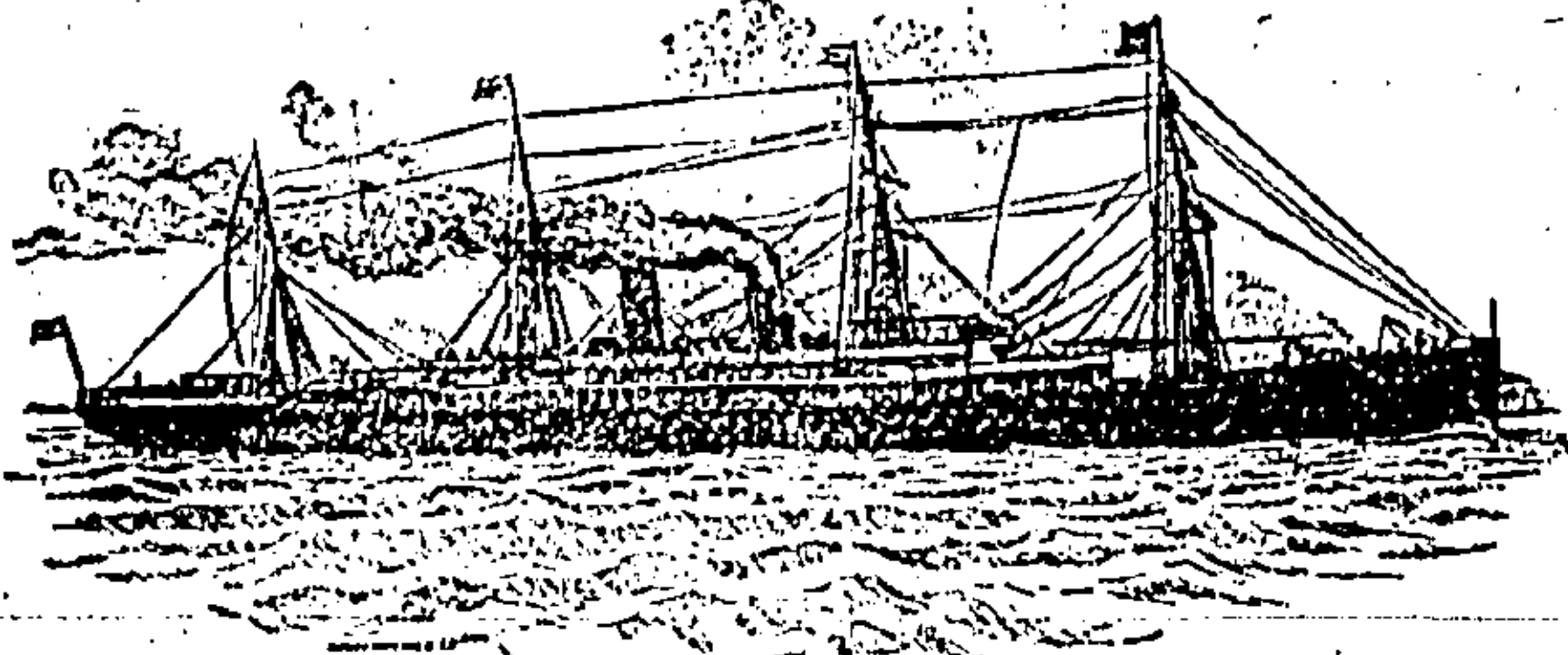


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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"HONGKONG MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th March, at Noon.
"CHINA"	TUESDAY, 24th March, at Noon.
"DORIC"	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.
"COASTIC"	SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 5th May, at Noon.
"KOREA"	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, at Noon.
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Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA", 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE T.K.K. Company's Steamship "HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, ISLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).		
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons.	WEDNESDAY, 18th March.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th May.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th May.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th May.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 14th June.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous ISLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.		
STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	17th Mar. Freight.
von Dechen	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
HAMBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	28th Mar. Freight.
Kirchner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th April. Freight and Passengers.
Mayer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	21st April. Freight.
Schmidt	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	
SERBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th May. Freight.
Brehmer	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	
SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	19th May. Freight.
Wagner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, at 2 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, A VERY FINE SILK EMBROIDERED SCREEN

AND AN ARTISTICALLY EXECUTED SILK EMBROIDERED PICTURE, "LIONS." On View from FRIDAY, the 13th March, 1903. TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [293c]

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THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. KUHN & KOMOR to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, Commencing at 2 P.M. sharp, at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF MODERN AND ANCIENT JAPANESE ART CURIOS.

Particulars from Catalogue. TERMS:—Cash on delivery. On View from FRIDAY, the 13th March, 1903. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [287c]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:

SATIN COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, AMERICAN ROLL-TOP DESKS, BLACKWOOD WARE, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, MOROCCO-COVERED SOFA and CHAIRS, MARBLE-TOP DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, FUR RUGS, ELECTRO-PLATED and GLASS WARE, DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, Marinburk's make WASH-STANDS and DRESSING TABLES, COOKING STOVE, &c., &c. TERMS:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [299c]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situated at Victoria, Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 6A (No. 19, Jervois Street), and held for 99 years by Order of Public Auction in One Lot, by Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central (Corner of Ice House Street), on TUESDAY, the 17th day of MARCH, 1903, at 3 P.M.

For Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to H. K. HOLMES, Solicitor for the Vendor, 54, Queen's Road, Hongkong, or to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [306c]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HOUSEHOLDERS are hereby requested to make a Special Effort at this Time of the Year to destroy Rats and to fill up Rat Holes with Cement.

RAT TRAPS and BIRD LIME may be obtained from the Secretary to the Board free of cost.

By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary. Sanitary Board Room, 14th February, 1903. [223c]

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in their Scrip to the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31ST DAY OF MARCH NEXT, in order that same may be exchanged for Scrip for Shares in the New Company.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1903. J. WHEELER, General Manager, China Borneo Company, Limited. [300c]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Year ended 31st December, 1902, on or before the 15th instant on which Date the Account will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [265c]

THE HONGKONG DAIRY

BEG to notify their Customers and the Public that from the 15th instant they will Open as their TOWN DEPOT for the Sale of FRESH MILK CREAM, BUTTER &c., the Premises known as 47, DES VOEUX ROAD Deliveries twice daily to any part of the Colony.

G. W. CEGG, Manager. Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [295c]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

IT is requested that all OUTSTANDING BILLS against the SOCIETY may be forwarded to the Undersigned not later than MONDAY, 16th March.

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 5th March, 1903. [277c]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED. NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL TO-MORROW, the 13th March, 1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1902, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 13th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [252c]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedders Street, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, 1903, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [235c]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, on TUESDAY, the 17th March, 1903, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [227c]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1903, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1902, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

SEWELL, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [288c]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Nos. 38 to 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the SUBORDINATE RESOLUTIONS:—

1. That the Company do underwrite the whole or any part of the risks on all, or any, of its properties as the directors may from time to time determine.

2. That the sum of £200,000 now standing to the credit of Permanent Reserve Fund be transferred to the credit of an "Insurance Reserve Fund" and that this Fund shall be credited with the same premiums on the properties underwritten by the Company as if they had been insured with other companies, and that all losses by fire shall be met out of the same Fund.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [308c]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND SPRING MEETING, 1903.

SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1903.

3 P.M. 1.—For All China Ponies. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$25. Weights for inches as per scale. Ponies other than this season's Subscription Grifins penalized 7 lbs. This season's Subscription Grifins allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one Race at last meeting penalized 5 lbs.; of two or more Races 10 lbs. Entrance fee \$5. Once Round.

3.30 P.M. 2.—A Handicap open to this season's Water Subscription Grifins. Winner to receive \$250; Second \$75; Third \$50. Entrance \$10. Distance Three Quarters of a Mile.

4 P.M. 3.—For China Ponies. Grifins of this season which have not won an official Race. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$25. Weights as per scale. Winner of Race No. 1 barred. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

4.30 P.M. 4.—A Handicap for Horses of any height or description. Winner to receive \$250; Second \$75; Third \$50. Winner of Race No. 2 barred. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

5 P.M. 5.—For All China Ponies. Winner to receive \$200; Second \$50; Third \$25. Ponies other than this season's Subscription Grifins penalized 7 lbs. This season's Subscription Grifins allowed 5 lbs. Winners of one Race at last meeting penalized 5 lbs.; of two or more Races 10 lbs. Winners of Races Nos. 1 and 3 barred. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

5.30 P.M. 6.—A Handicap for Subscription Waters of this season. Winner to receive \$250; Second \$75; Third \$50. Winners of Races Nos. 2 and 4 barred. Entrance \$10. Distance One Mile.

Note.—Riders who have not won more than Two Official Races allowed 5 lbs. Any Race in which there are not at least eight entries, or for which there are not at least four runners, representing different owners, will be void.

All entries to be made in writing, enclosed in a sealed cover, addressed to the Clerk of the Course at the Hongkong Club before 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 14th March, 1903, with the entrance money enclosed. The entries to be opened in the presence of a Steward.

Form of entries can be obtained on application to the Secretary, J. G. GRANT, Esq., A. S. STANT, Acting Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [268c]

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [1339c]

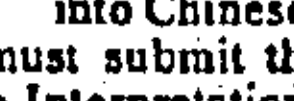


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By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [302c]



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will take place on 20th March, 1903, from a position on Chin Lan Chun Hill (1750) towards target placed on East side of Nau Tau Kok (1080).

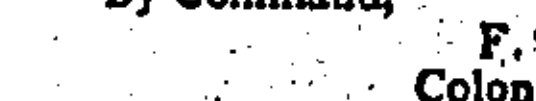
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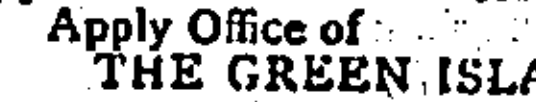
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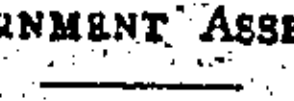
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STEAM TRAFFIC FOR HUNAN.

Writing to the Shanghai Mercury from Changteh, a correspondent says:—

Indications are getting rather frequent that Changteh is in the mind of steamship companies as an objective point of the trade of western Hunan and the whole of Kueichow. Further evidence to this fact has been furnished by the recent visit of Captain W. Smith, representing Butterfield and Swire, to this city. A very few words may serve to tell the story of Changteh's connection with the outside world by means of steam. The first boat propelled by steam to this city was the British gunboat *Ward*, which made the trip in the summer of 1899. In 1901 the *Woodward* paid a second visit, and at the same time also two Chinese companies began running launches from the capital to this place but for some reason these were discontinued after several months. The Anglo-French Mining Company, of Kueichow province, has two launches which have made a number of trips since 1901, they being run from Sianzi. Last year the British gunboat *Snipe* and the German *Vormars* were both here, the *Snipe* making two trips. This is, in brief, the history of steam navigation up the Yuen River.

The trade of this section is quite well known to the various steamship companies, and once a waterway for the greater part of the year is found, they will be quick to start steamers in this direction. The object of Captain Smith's trip was to ascertain if a passage could be found for light draft steamers at this season of the year. There is no need to question the possibility of safe navigation during the summer months, for then there is abundance of water; even large steamers could make the passage without the least fear. But the crux in steam navigation will fall between the months of September of one year and May of the next. Strange as it may seem the difficulty is not in the Yuen River, but in the Tongting Lake, which in low water season spreads out over a vast area, without apparently having a main channel leading in any direction. But many are of the opinion that a channel exists, though it is impossible to get reliable information from Chinese junkmen, since they never go diagonally across the lake, but skirt the shores. Boats coming from Yuchow to Changteh never take a diagonal course across the lake, as might be inferred from looking at a map, but follow the eastern shore almost due south as if going to Chang-sha or Sianzi, until the lake is crossed, then take small streams and canals going west which run practically parallel to the southern shore, finally crossing the southwestern arm of the lake into the Yuen River. Boatmen do not take the direct and natural course even in high water, for the reason that the passage cannot be made in a day, except under the most favourable circumstances, and if caught out at night they are without proper anchorage. Furthermore there is danger of sudden high winds, which might do considerable damage to native boats when out on the body of water, as boatmen prefer the longer way, which, from the standpoint of the crew, has the advantage of being without risks. But the things that militate against native junks would obviously not affect steamers in the least, and what seems needed is a careful survey of all parts of the lake in low water season that its exact state may be ascertained. If a passage is found and Captain Smith was hopeful when he left here, there is no reason why a thriving steamer trade might not begin at once; as it is, any medium draft steamer may find plenty of water between the month of May and September.

THE CRISIS IN KWANGSI.

The N. C. D. News reports that the local mandarins have received news from the South of the capture by rebels of the prefectural city of Liuchow, not far from Kueilin, the provincial capital of Kwangsi, in consequence of which the situation of the last-named city is now very serious, there being not quite 5,000 men holding the place. The loyalty of these troops, even, is suspected, and it is thought that the moment the rebel forces appear in strength before the provincial capital the garrison will hand it immediately over to the rebels, who intend to make Kueilin the capital of the new Chinese dynasty. What the leaders of the rebellion really want, however, is some seaport, so as to have the means of easy communication with their friends outside. Once Kueilin is captured and they have a regular base to work from in extending the rebellion to other provinces we may expect them to make a decided effort in capturing some important city on the sea coast. What people in the provinces receive authentic news of the numerous successes of the rebels whose operations have extended even into Hunan province and whose partisans are constantly increasing in Yunnan, Kueichow, Szechuan, and Kwangtung provinces, the powers that be in Peking are being fed with telegrams from Kwangsi officials reporting "glorious victories" over the rebels. So infuriated has the Central Government in the capital become on this account that they refuse to believe contrary accounts from high officials in the vicinity of Kwangsi province who are independent of those in the latter province. It is stated that one high official in Kueichow writing to the Grand Council concerning the large quantities of magazine rifles and ammunition in the hands of the Kwangsi rebels declared his suspicions that some foreign Government was secretly assisting the movement to this Council replied that as China was in the closest friendship (sic) with all the Powers it was absurd to entertain such suspicions. The high official in question then denounced Governor Wang Chih-chun as unequal to deal with the situation and recommended either Chang Chih-tung or Wei Kuang-tao as Commander-in-Chief over all the forces operating against the rebels, at the same

time suggesting that the troops of the Yun-Kuei provinces be ordered to combine with the Two Kwang forces. The Grand Council pooh-poohed this also and replied, that Governor Wang Chih-chun was quite capable to deal with the situation with the troops he now has under him in Kwangsi. As proof of this Governor Wang's telegrams announcing successive victories over the rebels were copied and transmitted to the high official above noted.

VENEZUELA AS IT IS.

TRADE, FINANCES, AND CHARACTERISTICS.

In the present state of the existent crisis for Venezuela a few facts concerning that turbulent State and its belligerent population may be of some interest. The Republic of Venezuela was constituted in 1830 by secession from the other members of the Free State founded by the Simon Bolivar whose name is perpetuated in the principal coin in the currency of that country. It is the most northerly confederation of South America, and consists of fifteen States, with territory that extends to 566,159 square miles. The population is just about three millions, and the principal imports manufactured goods, wines, and provisions of a various character. The mineral resources of the country are considerable, and as yet only just tapped.

The supreme head of the Republic, on whose present actions the eyes of the world are centred, is the President, General Castro, who, having been elected for four years in October, 1899, has less than a year of his term to run. Internecine strife has for a number of years played havoc with the normal growth of the trade of the country, and prevented its development in a manner that, with a less excitable and belligerent population, would have established the prosperity of the community and restored its finances to something approaching a sound and substantial status. As it is at present, with civil war existent and cross-currents always flowing or ready to burst forth, there is no real stability either in the Government or the State; and although there is a vast amount of British capital in the country, it is regarded as very speculative. These investments are principally in the railways of the country, of which there are nearly four hundred miles. The revenue and expenditure are approximately given as just over a million and a half for the year 1900, the usual devices being resorted to secure a budgetary equilibrium without conspicuous success. The total debt of the country at the end of the year mentioned was nearly eight millions, but it has been increased by nearly 25 per cent. since then.

The capital, Caracas, is 4,760 miles from London, and has a population about a hundred thousand, which is very largely cosmopolitan. The staple export of the country is coffee, which is very largely shipped to the United States, France, Italy, and Germany, the total exports averaging four million sterling, being made up of two-thirds coffee, and the remainder cocoa, gold, hides, and general. Of these only about £125,000 worth find their way to this country, but as far back as ten years ago they were of the value of £56,000; while British imports, which, in 1893, were over £900,000, had fallen in 1900 to £367,692.

Venezuela had a standing army which, under normal conditions, is distributed in about twenty of the principal towns, and consists, roughly, of four thousand men. But there is, in addition, a national militia, in which every citizen from the eighteen to the forty-fifth year inclusive must be enrolled. In times of civil war this force has totalled 60,000, while the total number of citizens liable for military service, according to the law of the country, is not far short of 250,000. For a republic with so many seaports, the Venezuelan navy is not a fearsome thing to encounter, consisting as it does of the *Libertador* (ex *Ban Right*), the armaments of which would not be out of place in a touring drama; then there are two torpedo gunboats of a very modest character (the *Bolivar*, 571 tons, 18½ knots, launched 1891; and the *Miranda*, 200 tons, 12 knots, 1895); and three river steamers. So that there is not much in this respect for our squadron of cruisers and gunboats to tackle, even if President Castro pursues his present suicidal policy to the bitter end.

It will be seen, from the statement of the present amount of trade done, that even if the British and German Governments seized the Customs, as they are believed to contemplate doing, it would take a considerable time to collect sufficient to satisfy the dual demand and to pay the costs of collection. With the revolution still in progress, and probably others at bursting-point should the present one collapse, President Castro has a sea of difficulties to face that requires a greater fiscal and diplomatic navigator than he seems to be to steer safely through.—P. M. G.

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On March 7th at Shanghai, by the Rev. Dr.
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DEATHS.

On the 3rd instant, at the General Hospital,
Singapore CLARA EDITH, wife of Edward
Sweeney, of Seremban, aged 35.
At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the
6th of March, at 3.30 p.m. GEORGE HENRY
JONES.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1903.

THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

It seems very evident that either the
fertile imaginations of Northern journalists
have been actively in operation during the
past few weeks or that the Press in general
has been kept in a state of total ignorance
on a matter the far-reaching importance of
which it would be difficult to overestimate.
A few days since we printed a short
paragraph to the effect that, according to a
telegram from the Peking correspondent of
the *Mainichi*, the Powers are about to or-
ganize an International Financial Board to
urge financial and currency reforms in
China, and, at the same time, to secure the
safety of the Chinese guarantees for the
various foreign loans, and for expansion of
trade. It further stated that the Powers
have recognised that the present situa-
tion of the Customs Service, now under
the control of Sir Robert Hart, shall be
placed under International control, and
they have agreed to take steps to give
these views effect. This has since been
augmented by a statement, emanating
from the *Tokyo Asahi*, a correspondent
of which interviewed Mr. Yamaoka, in-
spectors of the Japanese Department of
Finance, upon his recent return from
China, when he is reported to have said
that a rumour was current in Shanghai
to the effect that Sir Robert Hart was desirous
of the appointment of Mr. Bredon, his
brother-in-law, as his successor, but that
Germany was endeavouring to secure the
right to make the appointment. A close
scrutiny of the Shanghai journals to hand
by the last few mails does not reveal any
very grave cause for alarm or, in fact, any
reference at all to the reported impending re-
signation of the head of the native Customs.
That something has been said in the matter
there cannot be much doubt having regard to
a Reuter's telegram, published by us on the
21st February, stating that "Lord Cranborne,
replying in the House, said that the Govern-
ment had not modified its view concerning
the control of the Chinese Customs in the
future." What question called forth this
answer we have not at present learned, but
in view of the fact that a fortnight ago Sir
Robert Hart was 69 years of age and is
now in his seventieth year it is impera-
tive that ere long he must hand over his
reigns of office and it would be as well to
consider the pros. and cons. connected with
the case. When the time arrives for the
appointment of a successor then the diffi-
culty will commence. If Li Hung Chang had
had his way the Chinese Imperial Maritime
Customs would have been under a privately
organised native service of his own.
He always regarded it with a jealous
eye. Naturally so. The total revenue
derived from the foreign trade in 1901 was
Hk. Tls. 437,959,675 higher than any other
year except 1899, while 6,339,000 tons of
shipping and treasure to the value of
Hk. Tls. 47,555,909 was dealt with.
These figures have, of course, increased
since the days of that great diplomat,
but will furnish an adequate idea of the
importance of the Department. Some years
since Henry Norman, in dealing with the
question of Sir Robert Hart's successor,
said it was the "one dark spot" on the horizon
of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs.
"It is practically certain," he wrote, to be an
Englishman—at least, the appointment of
a man of any other nationality, however
qualified in other respects, would be as un-
welcome to the service as it would be
impolitic and unfair. It has been suggested,
however, that the Chinese Ministers might
be tempted when Sir Robert resigns,
to replace him by a Chinaman, in the
belief that the service would run of

itself, and that they might therefore just
as well follow the usual custom of
selling the post to the highest bidder.
Such an event would be a calamity for
the commerce of the world, and therefore
the Treaty Powers would never permit it.
For whatever may be thought of the state-
ment at home, not a single voice will be
raised in the East to contradict me, when
I say that among her 350,000,000 people
China has not one official who could be
trusted to handle so much money without
regarding it first of all as a means of
personal enrichment. In 1864 Sir Robert
wrote to the Secretary of State at home
that the Inspectorate "will have finished its work
when it shall have produced a native ad-
ministration, as honest and as efficient,
to replace it." Does the experience of thirty-
five years lead him to cherish this hope of
ultimate Chinese honesty and efficiency? I
cannot say, of course, but I should be ex-
tremely surprised to learn it. This is what a
great authority on Eastern affairs has to
say upon the subject, and although Sir
Robert has always spoken in the highest
terms of the Chinese, and is absolutely
devoted to their interests, there can be
not the least suspicion of a doubt that
should the post become vacant at the
present moment every effort would be
made to keep out of office a Briton
whose predecessor through his genius,
devotion, and integrity built up to its pre-
sent position of strength the Imperial
Maritime Customs of China. It is a question
which will have to be dealt with in a firm
manner, all sentiment should be placed aside
and England must then see that when the
time arrives the head of the Customs service
of China is a Britisher and a Britisher only.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Every mail brings fresh films, dry plates
and printing paper for LeMunyon direct from New
York.—*Advt.*

ON page 3 are articles on "Steam traffic for
Hunan"; "Venezuela as it is"; and "The
Crisis in Kwangsi."

THE Grand Oriental Hotel at Colombo distrib-
uted a dividend of eighteen per cent. for 1902.
The Galle Face Hotel paid eight per cent. for
the year.

THE Championship of the Singapore Chess
Club has been again won by Mr. T. Ramage
Miles who beat Mr. W. Craig, the runner-up,
by two games to love.

UNDER the will of Mr. F. J. Quick, of Trinity
Hall, the University of Cambridge receives
upwards of £50,000 for vegetable, animal, and
biological research.

SIR James L. Mackay was to take the chair at
the annual dinner of the Chamber of Shipping
of the United Kingdom, at the Whitehall
Rooms on February 20th.

THE Directors of the Shanghai Waterworks
Company, Limited will recommend at the next
annual meeting a final dividend of thirty-two
shillings and sixpence per share for the past
year.

A GIANTIC French Shipping Trust has been
formed. It takes in fifteen millions of ships'
tonnage. M. Lebon, President of the Mes-
sageries Maritimes, is the President of the Trust.

THEY are not quite too awfully pious to live in,
Bangkok, despite the fact that they have a gold
standard. The local newspapers are actually
plucky enough to publish advertisements of
"sweeps" observes the *Strait Times*.

WITH a view of preventing the Orient steamers
from ceasing to call at Naples, the Italian
Government have decided to provide a post-
office there, and to institute special mail trains
so soon as arrangements shall have been com-
pleted for connecting them with the French
system.

THE steamer *Drutus* of the Compagnia Mari-
tima, Manila, has been docked by S. C. Far-
ham, Lloyd and Co., Ltd., to undergo extensive
repairs and renewals. The *Shanghai Mercury*
says that this is the third steamer the Compagnia
Maritima have sent to Shanghai, and others
are expected shortly.

PROGRAMME of music to be played by the
Band of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry on
the New Parade Ground, on Monday next,
the 16th instant from 4 to 5.30 p.m.:—
March— "Young Guards" P. J. Yee
Overture— "Cenerentola" R. Wagner
Selection— "San Toy" S. Jones
Valse— "Soufre d'Arret" Depret
Song— "The Flight of Ages" F. Revan
Selection— "The Jolly Holiday" W. Williams
God Save the King.

HOME papers contain full reports of divorce
proceedings instituted by Mrs. Charlotte Louisa
Gillespie against her husband, Mr. Walter Hugh
Gillespie, a stockbroker, on the ground of his
cruelty and misconduct, with Daisy Louisa
Stewart. A cross-petition is that Mrs. Gillespie
had been guilty of misconduct with Mr. Freder-
ick Montague Gratton, of Shanghai, against
whom damages were claimed. When the mail
left the result had not been given.

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ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—
G. Giraux.

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line strictly fresh. Call and see him, 31 Des
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THE marriage took place on 31st January,
in St. Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church,
Adrian, of Miss Clements Robertson, of
Lightham, West Kilbride to Mr. James M'Isaac,
of Salcoats, and of Messrs. Butterfield and
Swire, Canton. Miss Robertson is a sister of
Sir Archibald Hunter, Commanding the Forces
in Scotland, and Mr. M'Isaac is a son of
the late Provost M'Isaac of Salcoats. The
marriage ceremony was performed by Bishop
Harrison, of Glasgow and Galloway, and Sir
Archibald Hunter gave the bride away.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and
Officers, the Band of the 3rd Burma
Infantry will play the following programme,
to-morrow, Friday, the 13th inst., at the King
Edward Hotel during dinner:—

PROGRAMME.
March— "The Soldier's Life" Wilson
Entr'acte— "La Lettre de Maman" Godfrey
Selection— "Reminiscences of the Past" Chambers
Dance— "Hungarian" Nellen
Selection— "The Toreador" Caryl and Monckton
Valse— "Down the Vale" Ernest Allan
Gavotte— "Mazurka" Paul Zahu

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am about to take a trip and shall need a fresh
supply of films. Thanks.—Will send same
immediately. Goodbye—Goo'-bye.—*Advt.*

BEFORE Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning, Louis
F. Walton, a sailor from the U. S. S. *Near*,
Orleans, was charged with behaving in a dis-
orderly conduct in the Thomas Hotel; damaging
the junior of P. C. 595 to the extent of \$3; and
assaulting P. S. 736 and P. C. 595 in the ex-
ecution of their duty. Wan Fu, a bar boy of
the Hotel, stated that prisoner ordered five small
beers and one whiskey last evening and when
he had served him and asked for payment, he
was struck in the eye by the defendant. The
police were summoned, but on an Indian police-
man making his appearance Walton ran away.
P. C. 55 stated that in response to call he
entered the Thomas Hotel in order to arrest the
prisoner, but he was eventually arrested by
P. S. 736 at the Praya. He then became
very unruly and after damaging his tunic hit
both he and the Sergeant. Prisoner stated
that he paid for the drinks and saw no reason
why he should be arrested. For the 1st offence
he was fined \$2 or 7 days, and \$3 as compensa-
tion or 7 days, and 3rd \$6 or 14 days. The
fines were paid.

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all kinds of Cameras and Kodaks, and all pho-
tographic material, best that is made, can be
had at LeMunyon's.—*Advt.*

"ALACRITY" CORK CLUB.

The hardy British "boys" of the *Alacrity*
Cork Club assembled at Thomas's Hotel last
evening to partake of the best that Mr. Frank
Francis could provide, and then indulge in a
rollicking good "soker." Surgeon R. J.
MacKeown, H.M.S. *Alacrity*, was invited to
take the chair, and some fifty others, including
about thirty guests were present. The officers
for the occasion were Messrs. E. Harwin
(president), C. Spearing (treasurer), and B.
Brodzik (secretary).

Dinner concluded and "The King" toasted
in the customary good old national manner,
the chairman proposed "The Cork Club,"
explaining that the word "cork" referred to
the badge or emblem of the Club, which was
a cork. The aims of the Society were those
of good-fellowship and the prevention of
swearing, while the frequent entertainments
were entirely financed by fines. If a member
was unable to produce his token
when called upon, or used bad language at, to,
or in the presence of another clubman, he had
to pay a forfeit, "and a jolly good thing too,"
remarked the doctor. At the same time it
should be remembered what toilers of "the
deep" had to put up with, and after all the big
"D" was a kind of safety valve on one's
temper. (Applause.)

Mr. Harwin had great pleasure in toasting
Dr. MacKeown, coupled with the name of Mr.
Brodzik, who, in a great measure, was respon-
sible for the success of the Club, (hear, hear).

Mr. Brodzik gave thanks and, in toasting
the visitors, said that the lowerdeck members
were always keen on having their friends around
them, and looked upon all guests present as
brothers. (Cheers.)

After Mr. W. G. Vercoe had responded pipes
and glasses were filled, chairs shifted, and the
music commenced. Those who contributed to
the harmony of the evening put their soul into
the work, and the chorus needed no coaxing.
Encore, after encore was gamely responded to,
and in more than one instance "still they cried
for more." The programme was sustained by
Messrs. G. Hyde, E. Harwin, G. Burnett, S.
G. Pursey, M. Metron, H. Blatt, G. Burgess,
J. Driscoll, G. Palmer, and the brothers Don and
Frank Francis, who rendered some fine music
in thoroughly professional style. Mr. H. Cento
was to have given a juggling act, but owing to
family illness was unable to attend.

About half an hour before midnight, three
rousing "Bull dog" cheers were given for the
chairman and the proceedings terminated.

P. & C. STEAMER DELAYED.

We understand that owing to slight damages
sustained by the P. and O. steamer *Seydlitz* in
collision, her sailing date from London on the
China voyage, was postponed from the 6th
to the 13th ult. On making inquiries from
the local agency we have confirmed that her
departure was delayed, but Mr. Hewitt had
heard no particulars regarding a collision.
The steamer is due on the 24th inst. Sir
Reuter's telegrams "we see that she passed
through the Canal on the 3rd inst."

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—
G. Giraux.

HONGKONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN
CO., LD.

Shareholders in the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., held their sixteenth
ordinary annual meeting, in the company's
offices, 2 Connaught Rd., at noon to-day. There
were present the Hon. C. W. Dickson (chairman),
Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. N. A. Siebs, A.
J. Raymond, G. H. Medhurst, J. M. Moss, C.
H. Thompson, H. Schubart, A. G. Wood, E.
Goetz, E. A. Hewitt and C. Michelau (directors),
Messrs. A. R. Lowe, S. J. Michael, R. C.
Wilcox, Capt. Clarke, G. Goosmann, J. R.
Michael, Ho Fook, R. J. Macgowan and G. H.
May.

The notice convening the meeting was read.
The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the re-
port and accounts which have been in your
possession for several days and which, I con-
clude, you are agreeable to taking as read, are
so very fully stated that there is but little
remaining for me to say in regard to them.
Business during the year was on the whole dull
and disappointing and I cannot say that there
appears to be any immediate prospect of im-
provement. The violent fluctuations in ex-
change which have been experienced have en-
gendered a feeling of uneasiness in regard to
our Silver Currency and until that be overcome
importers are likely to continue keeping very
moderate stocks. A good deal of damage was
done to several of our properties by a typhoon
which occurred in August last necessitating an
outlay for repairs of about \$4,500. You will
have noted that the net profit for 1902 is some
\$7,000 larger than the previous year and may
perhaps ask how it is that with better results
your Directors should recommend slightly
less dividend. To such a question I would
remind you that in 1901 the balance
available for distribution was increased by
nearly \$14,000 from premium on the new
issue of shares, and you will observe that
it is proposed to carry forward rather more to the
current year than was done twelve months ago.

In order to meet our steadily increasing ex-
penditure arising from lower exchange, your
directors decided to make their charges in
sterling from the 1st of January, and in response
to representations from the Company's Euro-
pean employees agreed to fix their salaries half
in sterling and half in dollars. My predecessors
in the Chair have at our annual meetings
referred to the plague and its bear upon the
company's business. I am glad to say that the
improvements which have been made in our
Chinese employees' quarters have amply just-
ified the expense, for whilst in previous years a
number of them succumbed to the disease, and
work at the wharves was thereby seriously
disorganised, last year not a single case occur-
ed although the scourge was prevalent in the
neighbourhood. I trust we may be equally
fortunate this year. There being no questions,
I beg to move the adoption of the report and
accounts.

Mr. Wilcox—I beg to second.
Carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowe—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I
beg to propose that the appointments of Hon.
C. W. Dickson, Mr. C. Michelau and Mr. A.
G. Wood as directors be confirmed.

Mr. S. J. Michael—I beg to second.

Agreed.

Mr. Wilcox—I beg to move that Messrs. E.
Goetz and E. Schubart be re-elected.

Mr. S. J. Michael—I beg to second.

Agreed.

Capt. Clarke—I beg to propose that
Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin be
re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Goosmann—I beg to second.

Agreed.

The Chairman—That is all the business,
gentlemen. Dividend warrants can be had on
application.

THE SIGNING OF PROMISSORY NOTES.

An interesting case came on for hearing this
morning when the Chief Justice, Sir W. M.
Goodman, held a public examination into the
affairs of Mr. Osman Mahomed Madar, a clerk
in the Ordnance Store Department with a
salary of \$110 per month. It transpired in his
examination before the Official Receiver that
since 1894 he had either been borrowing money
to meet his personal requirements or had been
backing promissory notes for his friends.
He got into debt in March, 1899, with Mr. F. S.
Joseph to the extent of \$700 by signing an
order for the payment to him of that amount
by way of brokerage for negotiating a loan for
a friend in Canton. Debtor said he had
been paying the Official Receiver \$10 per
month since 1899, and could not pay more
than 50 per cent of his debts without
distressing himself. He had five children, the
eldest being 12 years of age. All the creditors
had agreed to the composition, and Mr. Joseph
was willing to take 50 per cent without costs.
The Chief Justice said that Mr. Madar had
no right to make himself liable for friends and
ought to have thought for his wife and child-
ren. He considered he had answered
satisfactorily, and was praiseworthy in
paying instalments. It would be a warning
not to sign promissory notes for other men and
then being left liable. Mr. Madar was hope-
lessly entangled.

The inquiry was then declared closed.

SALE OF WALERS.

Mr. Geo. P. Lammett auctioneer, yesterday
afternoon put up for public sale, at the Cause-
way Bay stables, a few more of the young racers
which took part in the recent meeting. *School*
Gl. fetched between \$300 and \$400, and *Maffy*
and *Runnert* were each bought in for \$1,000.
Jebis was bought in at \$2,000 and *Tied Tom*
also shared a similar fate for a large amount.
Commoner was knocked down at \$150, and
Jaguar went cheap for \$300. *Cheval* was
bought in for \$420. *Punch* was not sold.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—
G. Giraux.

ALLEGED BRIBERY.

The case in which Yung Yiu U, a clerk
employed at the Registrar General's office, was
charged with obtaining \$15 from Ho Tak, with
a view to influence his conduct as a public
servant came on for hearing before Mr. F. A.
Hazelard this morning.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was defend-
ed by Mr. J. Hastings of Messrs. Deacon and
Hastings. Mr. F. B. L. Rowley, Crown Solicitor,
appeared on behalf of the Crown. Mr.
Rowley stated that he had also a charge to
bring against the prisoner of attempting to obtain
\$50. It appeared that on the 1st of November last
year, a woman went to the Registrar General's
office and signed a bond of \$100, to get her
daughter released from the Po Leung Kuk.
Two days after signing the bond, the woman
left the Colony for Canton without having
sent in the photograph of her daughter as
required. On the 17th February she returned to
the Colony and prisoner went to her house and
asked her why the photograph was not sent in to
the Registrar General's office and intimated
that she was likely to get into trouble, but
should she give him \$15, he would square the
whole matter for her. This she did. On the
18th prisoner again went back to the house
and stated that \$15 was insufficient and
demanded \$50 and made an appointment with
the woman's husband to meet him at the Tak
Cheung tea shop. Her husband, however,
notified the police, and a detective was sent
along with the woman's husband to the tea shop
in order to meet the prisoner. The defendant,
however, on seeing the woman's husband
accompanied by a detective went to another
tea shop. Next day another appointment was
made to meet at another house, and this time
Inspector "Gidley" and a detective hid them-
selves. The prisoner, however, did not turn
up, but was eventually arrested.

MASONIC READING ROOM.

As will be seen in our advertisement columns,
the Craft are this evening opening a new read-
ing room, which, we understand, will be on the
first floor of a building, recently constructed to
the southward of the Masonic Hall. The ground
floor is utilized as servants' quarters, and the
second, by the European caretaker of the Hall.
Access to the apartment is gained by a few
steps leading from Ice House Street. The
interior comprises some 50 x 20 feet, and
the numerous doors and windows will make
it a cool resort in summer. Furniture, fittings
and lavatory arrangements, etc., are very com-
mendable, and, so to speak, the venture
develops improvements will be effected. An
imposing railing, manufactured abroad, is now
being erected on the Ice House Street bound-
ary. In the centre it forms an arch-shaped
porchway, giving access by a broad flight of
steps to the south door of the Masonic Hall.
Mr. B. Brotherton Harker had been the architect
for the new structure and the improvements.

Primarily, the institution will be upheld
by voluntary subscriptions, but it is very
shortly expected to be self-supporting. All
subscribers to Lodges in the Colony are
members, and any visiting brethren who may
so desire will be introduced. It will particularly
be a boon to the latter, and also to non-resident
members. Two brothers from each Lodge in
the Colony comprise the following committee:—
Zealand Lodge, Wor. Bros. G. J. B. Sayer and
J. J. Bryan; Victoria Lodge, Wor. Bros. R. C.
Edwards and E. H. Ray; Perseverance Lodge,
Wor. Bros. F. W. Clark and W. H. Wickham;
United Service Lodge, Wor. Bro. G. G. Bur-
nett and Bro. J. H. Varcos; St. John's Lodge,
Wor. Bros. F. Howell and T. H. Jewitt; and
Naval and Military Lodge, Wor. Bro. W. E.
Claret and Bro. P. D. Hyett.

THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon
to-day five further cases of bubonic plague,
making 66 since January 1st, were notified as
having occurred in Hongkong. One was from
125, First Street and another from 131, Kramer
Street, Taikoktsui, while infected bodies were
found at the door of 60, D'Aguilar Street, out-
side of the

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Opium for China.

BOMBAY, 12th March.

The P. and O. Steam Navigation Company's mail steamer left Bombay yesterday evening with about 600 chests of Malwa Opium. The prices of best drug are:—

New Malwa Rs. 1,140
Old " 1,200
Oldest " 1,350

(By special arrangement with Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

Chinese Rebellions.

ALARMING REPORTS REFUTED.

BERLIN, 11th March, 1.20 p.m.

The alarming reports of the *Daily Mail* regarding the destruction of churches in Shantung are false. There are many small local disturbances in China, but there does not appear to be any central organization of a rebellion.

England's New Naval Squadron.

England is creating a new South Atlantic Squadron with bases at Gibraltar and Sierra Leone. This squadron will take the place of the Cape Squadron on the West-African coast.

No Grant for River Gunboats.

The German Budget Commission has refused the grant for river gunboats for China.

The Two Seas Canal.

As the Tang question becomes rather complicated, the *Figaro* proposes that France should forthwith complete her Two Seas Canal, linking the Mediterranean with the Bay of Biscay, and in the meantime should uphold the *status quo* in Morocco.

Macedonia.

In the Macedonian question England's special wishes are going considerably further than those of Russia and Austria.

Tour of the German Princes.

Prince Eitel Friedrich, who is on a journey through the Mediterranean, on which he and the German Crown Prince will visit all the important cities, is sick with the measles at Cairo.

Kaiser's Visit to Italy.

Emperor William will stay at Rome from the 2nd till the 6th April. The Czar's visit to that capital, which was intended to take place before that of the Emperor, has been postponed till the autumn.

(Briefly.)

The Boer Prisoners in India.

LONDON, March 10th.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that 800 Boer prisoners in India refuse to take an oath, or make a declaration of allegiance, and that Commandant Botha is sending a messenger to explain the desirability of making a declaration.

The Somaliland Expedition.

The Mullah has fled to Galadi 50 miles from Galkayu, only the scouts engaged the enemy retiring before the advance. The Boer Contingent did good work.

Naval.

Lord Selbourne has decided to sever West Africa from the Cape station and to form a new squadron called the South Atlantic Squadron for South East America.

FRENCH CHINA MEDAL.

The French Mint has just completed the striking of the China medal. It is in silver, having on one side a young woman representing the Republic, and on the reverse two cannons, an anchor, and a flag, with a Chinese pagoda in the distance. Below is the word "CHINE" with 1900-1901 on either side. The medal is hung from a clasp formed of two dragons, with ribbon of yellow and green vertical stripes. A bar half way up the ribbon has on it "1900-CHINE-1901."

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AT THE THEATRE.

"THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY."

The feature of the present theatrical season was, of course, Mrs. Brough's interpretation of the title role in Pinner's masterpiece, *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray*. The play has a purpose and the moral it inculcates is one which Mr. Pinner has persistently striven to drive home. That moral is that the present is the outcome of the past, and that the man or woman who has lived a false or a fast life will pay the penalty sooner or later in conscience, if not in more material form. This is unfolded in four interesting and powerful Acts lending themselves admirably to the display of talent on the part of those interpreting the principal characters. That to Mrs. Brough should be allotted the personation of Paula there was no doubting, as in Australia and in other countries she has been credited with giving a meritorious conception of the difficult role. At the Theatre Royal last evening she gave a brilliant presentation of the character and won the favour of a large audience by an interpretation imbued with a humanity and charm that must compel sympathy. As with Mrs. Kendal, who played the part soon after Mrs. Brough never permits one to lose sight of the woman of heart and reason, struggling to free herself from the fetters of habit, and out-lawry, the woman who was purely the victim of her own folly and sin. She suggests a Paula over whom her coarse associates and wretched life have merited a crust of vulgarity and viciousness—a Paula who reverts under genial influences to refinement and purity. Without doubt she provides most artistic and powerful acting, thereby winning the hearts of all lovers of drama. As *Aubrey Tanqueray* Mr. Brough was seen at his best with a most natural and dignified portrayal of an affectionate father. He departed from that tragic severity with which others have treated the part and by breaking away from somewhat funereal and stilted precedents produced a simple, though very natural character which, in the hands of an artist of such rare intelligence and ability, was made one that everybody could admire. Miss Brenda Gibson proved a charming *Ellen*, giving a well-defined and consistent characterization of the simple-hearted and affectionate daughter of *Aubrey*. The other parts were filled with credit, each one of the artists well-meriting the applause with which they were greeted. The scenes were exceptionally good, and the attention of the audience was riveted to the play from the rise of the curtain to the tragic drama in the final act. It is such pieces as this that will long retain a hold on the theatre-going public, and that in the East must always be associated with our old friends, the Brough Company.

"NIOBE."

Wherever and whenever produced by the Broughs, *Niobe* is always certain of an enthusiastic welcome, and it goes without saying, that to-night's performance of Paulton's farcical comedy will prove no exception to the rule. Mr. and Mrs. Brough will, of course, be seen in their respective roles of *Niobe* and *Peter Anon Durn*. The following will be the complete cast of characters:—

Peter Anon Durn (Manager of the Universal Insurance Company)..... Mr. Brough
Caroline Durn (his wife)..... Mrs. Brough
Helen Griffin (his wife's eldest sister)..... Miss Annie Vaughan
Hattie Griffin (his wife's second sister)..... Miss Brenda Gibson
Constance Griffin (his wife's third sister)..... Miss W. T. Lloyd
Philip Griffin (his wife's brother)..... Mr. Leslie Victor
Hamilton Tomkins (an Art Embroiderer)..... Mr. Orlando Jones
Parker Silcock (a Merchant)..... Mr. Percy Walsh
Beatrice Silcock (his daughter)..... Miss Helen Hoyle
Miss Alice (a Governess)..... Miss Gilda Brown
John (Durn's Man-servant)..... Mr. H. Higson
and
Niobe (all smiles)..... Mrs. Brough

To-morrow night *A Village Priest* will be the attraction, in which Mr. Brough will appear in perhaps his finest character, that of *The Abbé Dubois*.

On Saturday and Monday, the first production (by the Broughs) in China of *Fing the Music*, a farcical comedy by J. H. Darnley, author of *The Solicitor*, will be given.

Tuesday next is fixed for the first and only performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest* a "serious comedy for trivial people," by the late Oscar Wilde.

It is announced that the Brough season will terminate next week, all arrangements having been concluded for the Company to leave by the German mail steamer *Uchsen*.

The final programmes will be advertised in to-morrow's *Telegraph*.

ROYAL H.K. YACHT CLUB.

Commodore C. G. Robinson, R.N., the vice-commodore of R. H. K. Y. Club, has presented a cup to be sailed for on Saturday, 14th inst., starting at 2 p.m. Course:—Kowloon Rock, Channel Rocks, Meyer's East East Rock Buoy, Channel Rocks—all to starboard.

The 11th Club Race will be sailed over course 5.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. *Sydney* arrived this morning about thirty-six hours late, reports the *Singapore Free Press* of the 9th inst. It appears that on the run between Colombo and Acheen the bearings of the connecting rod became heated, and it was found impossible to proceed till time had been given for the bearings to cool and for temporary measures to be taken. In all the matter lasted some fifteen hours or so, the rest of the delay being the natural outcome of easier steaming after the occurrence. The damage done was not sufficient to occasion any repairs here, and the vessel leaves for Saigon this afternoon, by her the Chief Justice, Sir Lionel Cox, leaves Singapore for Japan for a holiday.

Upon inquiry at Hongkong we learn that the steamer was quarantined at Colombo owing to a case of small-pox aboard. She also experienced bad weather; but made good time from Saigon.

COTTAM & CO., FOR WASHING BOW TIES.

THE S.S. "SIBERIA"

The new S.S. *Siberia* of the P. M. S. S. Co. of New York left San Francisco on March 11th on her maiden trip for Honolulu, Yokohama ports of call, and Hongkong. This places a trio of fast ships on the San Francisco service, the *Koen* and *Siberia*, (sister-) and the well-known *China*, which has always had a reserve speed sufficient to keep her in such company on ordinary occasions.

HONGKONG FORGED BANK NOTES.

It will be remembered that on Saturday last we notified the public that we were in receipt of a telegram reporting a run on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in consequence of the circulation of forged notes. From the *Shanghai Mercury* of that date we now clip the following:—

As anticipated would be the case, the discovery that some forged Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes are in circulation, has caused some little flutter in native circles. The rush on the part of the Chinese to get their money converted into silver, which set in yesterday, continued to-day, though in a somewhat milder form. The excitement, such as it was, began early in the forenoon, when many Chinese began to appear at the Bank premises demanding payment of the notes they held. Needless to say all the genuine notes were immediately cashed, whilst the forged notes, of which, we understand, under \$50 worth have been presented, were stamped "forgery" and handed back. The imitation of the genuine note is a very clumsy one and nobody but the very ignorant could be deceived by it. The Police were on duty at the Bank during the day, but their services were not required.

Yesterday evening a Japanese, who described himself as having come from Hongkong, was arrested by a shopkeeper in North Szechuen Road and taken to Hongkew Police Station on the charge of having attempted to pass a spurious \$5 note. On being searched at the Station he was discovered to be in possession of five false \$5 notes on the H. & S. Bank and three of the Imperial Bank counterfeits. A formal charge was laid against him at the Japanese Consular Court to-day and he was remanded in custody of the Japanese authorities. It is confidently expected that the arrest of this man will lead to the discovery and breaking-up of the gang of forgers who have been flooding the East with these spurious imitations of banknotes and causing so much trouble here and at other ports in China and Japan.

THE CHINA TRADE.

THE SILVER QUESTION—SHIPPING RINGS.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was held on 4th ult., Mr. John Thomson, the president, being in the chair. After speaking of the increase in membership and the satisfactory condition of the home cotton trade in 1902, he proceeded:—

The China trade had been suffering from three causes:—(1) the over-supply of goods shipped after peace was concluded, when many shippers expected a more immediate demand than had been experienced; (2) the unsettled state of many portions of that empire and an uneasy feeling that renewed disturbances might break out at any moment; and (3) the severe and rapid fall in silver, which had made it necessary to advance the price of goods as stated in dollars or taels to unprecedentedly high figures. It was, indeed, surprising that the Chinese had been able so quickly to respond to such a sudden advance in prices. Perhaps the absence of Chinese silver coinage had made the response to a fall in the exchange caused by a reduction in the price of the metal more rapid than it had generally been in countries where the process of mintage had delayed the adjustment.

Nothing was said about the silver question in the report, but in the silver-using countries it was a burning question still. The tariff for China so carefully prepared to represent 5 per cent. on our goods no longer ago than 1891 at the present moment did not represent more than about 3½ per cent., and the surtax of one and a-half times the original import duty, designed by China to bring in 7½ per cent., would not now fetch more than 5½ per cent. The value of the indemnity if it was really to be paid in gold, as all the Powers except America insisted, was enormously increased by the fall in silver, and represented an amount far greater than either China or the European Powers had dreamed of when the bargain was made. He wished we could be a little easy with our debtor; she had little produce ready for export, and an extension in the time allowed for payment of the indemnity, if not a reduction in the amount, would be sound policy. Meanwhile China and Mexico had approached the United States, craving their co-operation in adopting such measures as might tend to restore and maintain a fixed relationship between the moneys of gold and silver countries. The Chinese Government pointed out that the stability of trade between the United States and China was destroyed by the variation of 20 per cent. in the price of silver, as happened in 1902, and urged that stability in this respect was as important to the gold-using as to the silver-using countries. It is probable that we should have another International Monetary Conference by the result of which England, and especially India, might be seriously affected. The one-and-four-penny rupee in India undoubtedly had been more of a success than most persons had expected. It had apparently conferred great advantages on the Indian Government in the payment of interest on its gold loans, and it had decidedly been a comfort to Lancashire shippers. But if the high valuation of the rupee was impoverishing the agricultural and manufacturing classes in India, putting her exports at a great disadvantage while silver was depreciating so rapidly, it became a question for serious inquiry whether the effect of this arbitrary system would be found to be satisfactory upon the whole.

Speaking on the "much-vexed question" of shipping conferences, Mr. Thomson said there was no reason why a shipping conference formed to maintain freights at a fair paying rate and to provide a regular and efficient service of steamers should not be a public benefactor rather than an enemy of the commerce of the country. There need be no objection to the system, provided the rates of freight which the trade could afford, looking to the foreign competition it had to face were amicably discussed between the conference and its supporters, and provided reductions were freely made, as was done last year by the China Conference, under the wise leadership of Mr. Alfred Holt. Supposing the shipping conferences to refuse such reasonable concessions, the shippers, if they combined to decline all rebates and insist upon a net rate of freight, had it in their power to charter an outside steamer and ship their goods by her. The power of the conference to merchants lay entirely in the system of deferred rebates.

Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

BANKS have buyers at \$92.50. CHINA FIRES are wanted at \$82 and UNIONS at \$52. There are small sellers of STAR FERRIES at \$26.50 and \$14.50, respectively. SHELL TRANSPORTS have been done at £1.10s. CHINA SUGARS, market opened with a strong demand at \$111 and sales have been effected at this rate and at \$111.50 to \$112 for end of the month, closing quiet at \$111. DOCKS have strong buyers at \$206 and at equivalent rates forward. WHARVES, small sales at \$95. In LAND companies there has been nothing doing. CEMENTS are weaker and shares changed hands at \$23. Shanghai reports a boom in LANG-KATS; shares are now quoted at Tls. 340.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/7½
Bank Bills, on demand 1/7 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/8
D/M's 4 months' sight 1/7 1/8
ON BERLIN, (demand) M. 1.84
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 2.01
Credits, 4 months' sight 2.01 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 38 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight 39 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 118 1/2
On demand 119
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 73 1/2
Private 30 days' sight nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 78 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$12.60
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael 65.30
Bar Silver 22 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW @ \$980/990
LAST YEAR @ 1,010/1,040
OLDEST @ 1,060/1,110
PATNA NEW @ 1,110
BENGAL NEW @ 1,090
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 780/800

To-day's Advertisements.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship

"HITACHI MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 18th March will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and Notice of same sent to this Office before the 21st March, or claims in connection therewith will not be recognized.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [310c]



SOLE AGENTS:

RITCHIE & Co.

39, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [160c]

To-day's Advertisements.

MASONIC.

THE MASONIC HALL, READING ROOM & will be OPENED TO-DAY, the 12th instant, at 6 P.M.
All Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
By Order of the Committee,
F. HOWELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [282c]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF H. E. GRUNBERG, LATE OF VICTORIA, HONGKONG, ENGINEER, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1897, made an Order limiting to the 13th day of APRIL, 1903, for sending in Claims against the above Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned before the said Date.
Dated this 12th day of March, 1903.
J. W. NORTON-KYSHIE,
Official Administrator.
[390c]

WANTED.

CHINESE CLERK must be able to speak and write English.
Apply to
VACUUM OIL COMPANY.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [1310c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [312c]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 24th March, 1903 at 8 A.M. the Company's Steamship

"ERNEST-SIMONS," Capt. Dupuy-Fromy, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Holyrood*, which vessel takes on her Mails and Passengers leaving that Port on the 4th April, 1903, Direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on MONDAY, the 23rd March, Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on TUESDAY.

Parcels are not to be sent on board, they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [1001c]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH, Representative..... Mr. ALLAN HAMILTON.

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY), 12th MARCH.

THE BROUGH COMEDY CO.

IN "NIOBE."

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY), 12th MARCH, "NIOBE."

(By arrangement with the author.) A mythological farcical comedy in Three Acts, by H. and E. Paulton.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 13th MARCH, "A VILLAGE PRIEST."

(By arrangement with the author.) A drama in Five Acts, by Sydney Grundy.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY NEXT, 14th and 15th MARCH, "FACING THE MUSIC."

(By arrangement with Frank Thornton, Esq.) An original farce in Three Acts, by J. H. Darnley, author of "The Solicitor."

TUESDAY NEXT, 17th MARCH, "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST."

(By arrangement with George Alexander, Esq.) A comedy in Four Acts by the late Oscar Wilde.

BOX PLANS AT ROBINSON'S.

Dress Circle and Orchestra Stalls, \$4.00. Stalls, \$2.00. Back Seats, \$1.00.

Doors Open 8.30. Curtain 9. Chairs, etc., at 11.30. Late Tram to the Peak as usual.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [1510c]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stonecutters' Island, West Battery, on the 16th March, 1903, in a South-Westerly direction. Practice will commence at about 9.30 A.M. By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [3100c]

S.S. "SYDNEY."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex s.s. *Charente*, and from Bordeaux, ex s.s. *Cambrai*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, the 12th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 19th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1903. [1002c]



BUCHANAN BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY



JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.

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By Appointment to

H.M. THE KING

and

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CAN BE OBTAINED FROM

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Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE ON
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OANFA"	21st March.
"	"MENELAUS"	25th "
"	"JASON"	31st April.
"	"AGAMEMNON"	9th "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
LONDON	"MACHAON"	17th March.
"	"KINLUCK"	31st March.
"	"PING SUEY"	14th April.
"	"JASON"	28th April.
"	"AGAMEMNON"	12th May.

LIVERPOOL BERTH.

LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	21st March.
"	"DEUCALION"	23rd April.

CONTINENTAL BERTH.

MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"CLAUCUS"	14th April.
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TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"OANFA"	23rd March.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
FOOCHOW	"KWANGSI"	13th March.
SHANGHAI	"WAMPONG"	14th "
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KIUKIAN"	18th "
KOBE	"OHINGTU"	18th "
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	19th "
TIENTSIN	"WANCHANG"	21st "
MANILA	"SUNGSIANG"	25th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"OHINGTU"	6th April.

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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§ See Special Advertisement.

N.B.—R.D.C.D. SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO YANGLIA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers

between Hongkong and Manila—Saloon amidships—Electric

Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-

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CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	14th March, at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Do.	20th March, at Noon.
PERIA	1980	J. McGinty	Do.	Do.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903.

[1208d]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,

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PORTLAND OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

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Steamship Tons Captain To Sail

"INDRASAMHA" 5197 R. P. Craven Mar. 26, 1903.

"INDRAVELLI" 4899 W. E. Craven April 16, "

"INDRAPURA" 4899 A. E. Hollingsworth May 14, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 15th March.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 18th March.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 22nd March.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 25th March.

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried. All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

[1377c]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

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HONGKONG-MANILA,

REDUCED SALOON PAS-
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SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, First Class Accommodation. Unrivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [35c]

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Steamship

FRENCH MAIL

Twin Screw S.S. "SAN CHEUNG,"

951 Tons, Captain Murphy, leaves HONG-

KONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M. on SUN-

DAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS,

returning to Hongkong the following days,

leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Unexcelled accom-

modation for First Class Passengers. Hot and

Cold Water lead on by Pipes to each Cabin.

Ship lighted throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare \$3.00 Single Journey.

Meals \$1.00 each.

The Company's Wharf is East of the Hong-

kong Harbour Master's Office, and West of

Canton Boat Co.'s Wharf.

CHEUNG ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [70c]

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

THE Steamship

"CHU KONG,"

Capt. Mason.

Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO,

Daily, at 8 A.M. SUNDAY including

Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG,

Daily, at 2 P.M. SUNDAY including.

This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior

Cabin Accommodation.

FARES:

1st Class.....\$2.00

2nd.....1.00

3rd......50

Further Particulars may be obtained at the

Office of the

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO.,

No. 42 Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [87c]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the

above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 17th instant,

at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1903. [305c]

HONGKONG

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled.

Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.

Captain.

Tons.

Sailing Date.

ROSETTA MARU

N. Tate

3,876

Saturday, 14th instant, at Noon.

ROHILLA MARU

E. P. Bishop

3,869

Wednesday, 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House

Street.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1903.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

[171c]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods

will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed

at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after the 13th

instant, at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees'

risk and expense into the Godowns of the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and

PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE

DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside;

such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and

expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED.

Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [305c]

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"KONIGSBERG,"

Captain Meyer, having arrived from the

above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

requested to send in their Bills of Lading for

countersignature by the Undersigned and to

take immediate delivery of their goods from

alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M.

TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be

landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,

and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-

ing undelivered after the 17th instant will be

subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 17th instant, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office,

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [305c]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG,"

Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as

above TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at 2 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation

for First class Passengers, and is fitted through-

out with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1903. [298c]

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, DALNY

AND PORT ARTHUR.

THE Steamship

"SULLBERG,"

Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the

above Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th March,

at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [195c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).

Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RAN-

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Shanmen	"	"	"
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Chinglu	"	"	"
Lyra	"	"	"
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U.S.S. Isla de Cuba	"	"	"
Kinshon	"	"	"
Hongkong Marine	"	Aberdeen	"

VESSELS IN PORT.

Ship	From	Arrived	Agent
ATHENIAN, British steamer, 4,885, Robinson, 9th Mar., Vancouver, U.C. 9th Feb., and Shanghai 6th Mar.; General—C. P. R. Co.			
ARRATON APCAR, British steamer, 2,978, E. Fey, 10th Mar., Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 4th March, General—David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.			
CHINGTUI, British steamer, 1,476, W. B. Brown, 5th Mar., Melbourne 30th Jan., Sydney 6th Feb., Port Darwin 21st, and Manila 2nd Mar., General—Butterfield & Swire.			
DAIJIN MARU, Japanese steamer, 903, T. Ogata, 11th Mar., Tamsui 8th March, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.			
DAIYA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,733, D. Yoshida, 9th Mar., Moji 3rd Mar., Coal—H. U. Jeffries.			
HONGKONG MARU, Japanese steamer, 6,169, W. E. Filmer, 6th Mar., San Francisco 5th Feb., via Honolulu 11th, Yokohama 24th, Kobe 27th, Nagasaki 1st Mar., and Shanghai 4th, Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.			
IBADIN, British steamer, 473, W. Winch, 8th Mar., Bangkok 4th Mar., Ballast—E. A. Trading Co.			
KONIGSBERG, German steamer, 3,135, H. Mayer, 10th Mar., Hamburg 23rd Jan., and Singapore 4th Mar., General—Siemens & Co.			
KWANGSE, British steamer, 1,240, H. Harris, 9th Mar., Chinwantau 3rd Mar., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.			
KYOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,644, T. Sakurai, 8th Mar., Moji 3rd Mar., Coal—Order.			
LOONGSANG, British steamer, 1,117, G. S. Weigall, 9th Mar., Manila 6th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.			
MACHEW, German steamer, 995, H. Harjes, 8th Mar., Bangkok via Swatow 7th Mar., Rice and Teakwood—Melchers & Co.			
MADELEINE RICKMERS, German steamer, 1,030, T. Sanders, 9th Mar., Bangkok 3rd Mar., Rice—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
MAUSANG, British steamer, 1,614, W. D. Welsh, 6th Mar., Sandakan 28th Feb., Timber and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.			
OCEANA, German steamer, 453, F. Janke, 7th Mar., Sydney via Marseilles and Caroline Island 22nd Feb., Copra—Siemens & Co.			
PIRA CHOM KLAO, German steamer, 1,011, T. Reimers, 11th Mar., Bangkok 4th Mar., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.			
PRONTO, Norwegian steamer, 837, Th. Seeberg, 8th Mar., Haiphong and Hoihow 6th Mar., General—A. R. Marty.			
ROSETTA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,403, N. Tate, 9th Mar., Manila 7th Mar., General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.			
RUBI, British steamer, 1,611, R. W. Almond, 8th Mar., Manila 6th Mar., Specie and Hemp—Shewan, Tomes & Co.			
SEIRSTAD, Norwegian steamer, 617, A. Larsen, 6th Mar., Singapore 27th Feb., Timber—Tan Tye & Co.			
SELUN, Norwegian steamer, 865, O. W. Sinding, 8th Mar., Wuhu 28th Feb., Rice—E. A. Trading Co.			
SHIMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,388, K. Nakagawa, 4th Mar., Shanghai 1st Mar., General—Chinese.			
SULLBERG, German steamer, 782, H. Meyer, 9th Mar., Hoio 5th March, Ballast—Siemens & Co.			
TREMONTE, American steamer, 9,695, T. W. Carlick, 10th Mar., Voij 6th Mar., General—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.			
TSINTAU, German steamer, 1,008, O. Koch, 9th Mar., Bangkok 3rd Mar., Rice and General—Velchers & Co.			
VICTORIA, American steamer, 2,112, J. Pantoni, 10th Mar., Tacoma 6th Feb., General—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.			

SAILING VESSELS.

Ship	To	Depart	Agent
GROSVENOR, British barque, 516, Boga, 14th June, Mauritius 16th January, Sugar—Abdulla & Co.			
HOLLISWOOD, American bark, 1,084, E. M. Knight, 23rd Feb., Fremantle, W.A. 12th Dec., Sandelewood, Gilman & Co.			
HOWARD D. TROOP, British 4-masted barque, 2,080, D. W. Corning, 6th Mar., New York 29th Oct., Petroleum—Standard Oil Co.			
LOTHAR, Italian barque, 791, Antonio M. Schiaffino, 4th Dec., from Callao (Peru), General—Order.			
ROSE, British barque, 786, How, 28th Feb., Fremantle 1st Nov., Sandile Wood—Order.			
SEBARD, American schooner, 660, J. C. Downing, 4th Feb., Manila 31st Jan., Ballast—Order.			

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Ship	From	Arrived	Agent
Wladivostok	am. 10.02	24	86
Nemuro	am. 10.30	28	0
Hakodate	am. 10.01	28	0
Tokio	am. 10.10	28	0
Kochi	am. 10.03	28	0
Nagasaki	am. 10.03	28	0
Kagoshima	am. 10.03	28	0
Naha	am. 10.03	28	0
Ishigakijima	am. 10.03	28	0
Taihou	am. 10.03	28	0
Taichu	am. 10.03	28	0
Taitan	am. 10.03	28	0
Koshu	am. 10.03	28	0
Pescadore	am. 10.03	28	0
Weihaiwei	am. 10.03	28	0
Gulaf	am. 10.03	28	0
Sharp Peak	am. 10.03	28	0
Amoy	am. 10.03	28	0
Swatow	am. 10.03	28	0
Canton	am. 10.03	28	0
Hongkong	am. 10.03	28	0
Victoria Peak	am. 10.03	28	0
Gap Rock	am. 10.03	28	0
Macao	am. 10.03	28	0
Haiphong	am. 10.03	28	0
Manila	am. 10.03	28	0
Malate	am. 10.03	28	0
Bacolod	am. 10.03	28	0
Hoio	am. 10.03	28	0
Cebu	am. 10.03	28	0
C. St. James	am. 10.03	28	0

YESTERDAY.

Weather	Report
Barometer	29.98
Thermometer	73
Humidity	79
Rainfall	0.05

VISITORS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Visitor	Room
Airey, Staff-Laymaster	Rev. F. Jaff, D.
and Mrs. Bailey, W. S.	Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, A.
Baxter, E. G.	Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Kames, W. J.
Bayer, A. E.	Katsch, E. A.
Bell, J. T.	Lebrun, H.
Bervin, C. de	Little, J. M.
Bissell, E. V.	Macgowan, R. T.
Boggan, Mr. and Mrs. R.	Maitre, Mr.
Bonner, J. E.	Malpass, Mrs. S. D.
Bonnet, F.	Marriott, Dr. A.
Bothwick, Mr. and Mrs. R. W.	Mast, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mast, S. E.
Boyd, F.	McAran, T. P.
Bragg, Gen. and Mrs.	Midyushina, Mr.
Branch, B.	Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, W. S.
Brough, Mr. and Mrs.	Neilsen, O.
Clark, Hon. Dr. F.	North, R. M., C. J.
Clifford, Mr.	Ollis, Mr. and Mrs. and nurse
Colson, J. S.	Paul, Mr. and Mrs. W. T.
Cole, G. E.	Peck, L.
Cox, R. W.	Percival, Miss
Cox, Miss.	Percival, N. S.
Cox, Mrs. E. R. and maid	Rankin, J.
Davis, Mr. and Mrs.	Ranney, Mr. and Mrs. F. O.
Dean, Mrs. F. W.	Reid, H. J.
Derbyshire, J. H.	Rouget, Mr.
Deshler, Miss	Rouget, L.
Downing, T. C.	Schiffman, Dr. and Mrs. R.
Drake, Miss E. W.	Schlinder, K. G.
Edwards, F. W.	Skott, C.
Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A.	Skott, E. A.
Fisher, H. G.	Stanford, W. E. O.
Gayoso, J. L.	Temple, Miss
Georg, C.	Terkelsen, O.
Glover, C.	Thomas, J. A.
Halwright, Dr. & Mrs.	Thomson, Dr. J. C.
Hammersly, B. F.	Tudor, Major and Mrs. R. E.
Haimovich, M.	Vawter, Miss C. C.
Hait Luck, Mr.	Wallace, H.
Harvey, R. D.	Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, C. A.
Hawks, H.	Watson, W. P.
Hayer, A.	Webster, R. D.
Hecford, R. G.	White, Mr. & Mrs. H.
Henderson, Capt. and Mrs.	Whitton, A. M.
Hergog, T.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Hernan, W. J.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Hill, T. D.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Holbein, Miss H.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Hollingsworth, A. J.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. J.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Horniman, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Howard, Thos.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Hughes, Mrs. and Miss	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
Hutler, E.	Whitton, Mrs. A. M.

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Visitor	Room
Antoni, A. S.	Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Pontifex, E. C.
Dickson, R. H.	Rosenkreuz, J.
Erra, Mrs. N. N. and child	Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward
Gehris, Miss E.	Smyth, Mrs. Skeffington
Gibbs, Mrs.	Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. M. J. D.
Judah, C. J.	Stokes, R. N., Capt.
Keegan, J. S.	Stokes, Mrs.
Kiene, F.	Stokes, A.
Kiene, Mrs. F.	Stokes, A.
Knoetgen, G. A.	Stokes, A.
Knoetgen, Miss R.	Stokes, A.
Koetgen, Miss F.	Stokes, A.
Krebs, Capt. & Mrs. H.	Stokes, A.
Langlands, A. O. D.	Stokes, A.
Capt. and Mrs.	Stokes, A.

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Visitor	Room
Bexley, H. T.	Marshall, H. C.
Boyce, W.	Marston, Mr. and Mrs. Maudslow, E. F.
Brewitt, Mr. and Mrs.	Maxfield, W.
Deul and family	McIntyre, A.
Brown, Miss Gillies	McIntyre, A.
Amerson, A.	McIntyre, A.
Campbell, Lieut. J. R.	McIntyre, A.
Caurant, H.	McIntyre, A.
Dufour, Mrs.	McIntyre, A.
Eyre, H.	McIntyre, A.
Ferrers, H. N.	McIntyre, A.
Fleurieu, Comte H. de	McIntyre, A.
Fleurieu, Comte A. de	McIntyre, A.
Gibson, Miss	McIntyre, A.
Grant, Powell	McIntyre, A.
Hachwood, H.	McIntyre, A.
Hamilton, A.	McIntyre, A.
Hellimans, I.	McIntyre, A.
Houghton, R.	McIntyre, A.
Howard, H. H.	McIntyre, A.
Hunt, Miss	McIntyre, A.
Humphreys, W.	McIntyre, A.
Hyland, A.	McIntyre, A.
Kerr, R.	McIntyre, A.

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Visitor	Room
Arbuthnot, Major	Hardy, Mrs.
Arbuthnot, Miss	Hebden, S.
Brusse, George	Henry, James
Beattie, Andrew	Jeffrey, H. D.
Henson, A.P.D., Major	Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. M.
and Mrs. H. G.	King, R. H.
Berkley, H.	Macnamara, R.N., Staff.
Berner, Gilbert	McIntyre, A.
Bird, R.N., Surgeon & Mrs. J. W.	McIntyre, A.
Mrs. J. W.	McIntyre, A.
Brabazon, Ralph A.	McIntyre, A.
Brayne, H. F. R.	McIntyre, A.
Brent, H. A. W.	McIntyre, A.
Brown, P.E., Col. L. F.	McIntyre, A.
Chapman, Mr. & Mrs.	McIntyre, A.
Clark, W.	McIntyre, A.
Cockell, Edgar	McIntyre, A.
Cockell, Mrs. E. and child	McIntyre, A.
Domnich, W.	McIntyre, A.
Denny, D.A.G., Major	McIntyre, A.
and Mrs. W. A. G.	McIntyre, A.
Ferrier, A.P.D., Col. and Mrs. G. H.	McIntyre, A.
and companion	McIntyre, A.
French, A.S.C., Major	McIntyre, A.
G.A.	McIntyre, A.
Gibson, Dr Robert	McIntyre, A.
Grant, G. C. Lindsay	McIntyre, A.
Gros, Mr. & Mrs. E. F.	McIntyre, A.
Hamilton, Maj. A. B.	McIntyre, A.
Hardy, Lieut. Comdr. Wenborn, S. T.	McIntyre, A.
Erness, C.	McIntyre, A.

VISITORS AT CRAIGLEBURN.

Visitor	Room
Beavis, C. E. H.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
Besant, Mrs.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
Clutton, Mrs. and child	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
Dann, Mr. and Mrs. F. P.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
G. K.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
Denison, A.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
Denison, Mrs. A.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.
Helm, W.	Harvey, Lieut. and Mrs. J. S.

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Visitor	Room
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Laird, R.	Rice, Miss Helen H. Musgrave, Mrs. Rice, Miss Dorothy Nobbs, A. P.
Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. J.	

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Fasch, R.	Pease, T.
Gerard, Capt.	Sator, Lieut.
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WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not imply that bad weather is expected here:—

A DRUM indicates a typhoon to the Eastward of the Colony, (i.e., in the East quadrant, N.E. to S.E.)

A BALL indicates a typhoon to the Westward of the Colony, (i.e., in the West quadrant, S.W. to N.W.)

A CONE Point Upwards indicates a typhoon to the Northward of the Colony, (i.e., in the North quadrant, N.W. to N.E.)

A CONE Point Downwards indicates a typhoon to the Southward of the Colony, (i.e., in the South quadrant, S.E. to S.W.)

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

NOTICE BOARDS.

Notice boards are placed at:—

Joint Cable Companies' Office.

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Post Office.

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Office of the Wharf & Godown Company, Kowloon.

WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS are exhibited on the above boards daily about 11 a.m., and also at other hours, day or night, whenever necessary. Information of importance is also issued by "Express."

THE CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER is exhibited at the same places daily about noon. It contains observations made at Hongkong and at a number of stations in the Far East, together with Remarks, Weather-forecasts, and information regarding the existence and movements of typhoons based thereon.

THE LAW OF STORMS.

Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals are hoisted, and sailing directions, are given in "The Law of Storms in the Eastern Seas."

F. G. FIOG, Acting Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 24th July, 1903.

THE SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(MARCH 12th.)

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	LATEST QUOTATION.
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$5	125	\$690 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	£	8	\$224 buyers
Do. Founders	£	1	\$10
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$	100	\$325 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	\$	25	\$39 sales & buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	\$	25	Taels 195 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	\$	60	\$135 buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	\$	50	\$162
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	50	\$105 buyers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	\$	20	\$84 buyers
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited	\$	15	\$162 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	\$	10	\$108 buyers
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	\$	10	\$107 sales
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	\$	25	\$143 sales
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	\$	10	\$264 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	£	1	\$14 buyers
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited	Taels	100	£1 10/- sales
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	Taels	50	Taels 310 buyers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 152 sales
Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 160 buyers
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	\$	100	\$110 buyers
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	Taels	100	\$12
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	Taels	50	Taels 70 sellers
Punjom Mining Company, Limited	\$	10	\$275 sales
Punjom Mining Preference Shares	\$	1	\$5 cents sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Francs	250	\$600 sellers
Jebeu Mining and Trading Company, Limited	\$	5	\$1 sellers
Raub Allain Gold Mining Company, Limited	£	185, 100	\$1 buyers
Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.	£	1	Taels 84 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited	\$	50	\$205 sales
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Taels	100	Taels 185 buyers
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	\$	50	\$36
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	\$	64	\$384 sales
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf & Godown Company, Limited	Taels	100	Taels 320 sales
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited	\$	10	\$9 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	\$	100	\$176 buyers
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